

Senior Affairs Advisory Board

Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Meeting was called to order by B. J. Curry Spitler at 11:07a.m.

Members present: Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, John Patrick Ford, Paulina Gilbert, William Liu, B. J. Curry Spitler, Floyd Willis **Not present:** Flora Calem, Laura Impastato, Rosemary White-Pope **Staff:** Rudy Fernandez, Diana Gray, Pam Suarez, Suzanne Prevost **Guest:** Judith Sorrells

Introductions: Two staff members from the Urban Corps of San Diego who will be assisting with the Transportation Survey stopped by and were introduced – Ernesto Lucero and Raul Montalogo.

Modifications to the Agenda: The Agenda was modified to include a briefing on the California Commission on Aging and the County's Aging Summit by Floyd Willis.

Approval of Minutes: There was one correction to the minutes of January 7, 2004. The correction was made on page two, the sixth paragraph and reads as follows:

Leane reported on the December 5th Roundtable for Affordable Housing presented by California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (~~CASA~~) (CAHSA).

The minutes for January 7, 2004 meeting were approved with the one correction.

The minutes of December 3, 2003 meeting were presented with the correction so noted in the January 7, 2004 minutes. The December 3, 2003 minutes were approved with the one correction noted in minutes of January 7, 2004.

Announcements:

Floyd Willis announced that the California Commission on Aging in San Diego scheduled for February 4th and 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the San Diego County Administration Center, Rooms 302, 303; 1600 Pacific Highway. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Public discussion is scheduled for February 5th between 9:00 a.m. and noon. The subject that will be discussed is the State budget cuts and restructuring. A new department of Aging and Adult Services is another topic that may be addressed.

Floyd Willis distributed a promotional flyer on the County's Aging Summit 2004. Everyone was encouraged to attend this summit that the County has hosted for every two years since 1998. This year's summit is titled "Aging Well, Living Well in San Diego" and will take place on

Monday, April 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at San Diego Concourse located at 202 C Street in downtown San Diego. To register, call (800) 827-4277.

Old Business:

The following topics were discussed:

Housing Task Force – John Patrick Ford that Leane Marchese emailed the minutes from the last Housing Task Force meeting to everyone on the committee. The mission of the City’s Senior Affairs Advisory Board subcommittee on Housing is “To advocate for high quality, affordable service supported housing for seniors in the City of San Diego.”

John Patrick Ford reported on major recommendations made by the City Council’s Housing Task Force. He quoted a news article from the San Diego Union Tribune titled “Affordable Housing Plan Lacks Support” dated January 22, 2003. John will find out what the City Council’s Housing Task Force has recommended and check on the status. SAAB will be briefed and we will review what is to be done at that time.

Seniors Ride Free – This is an ongoing issue that SAAB is trying to reach some sort of resolution. The matter needs to be taken forward again because of changes within public mass transit to date. Diana Gray offered to research matter further. Diana will call Paulina Gilbert and Dolli Cutler to assist in this effort.

Transportation Survey – Due to the Urban Corps offices being relocated, there has been a delay in the completion of the survey. Efforts are back on track and the survey should be completed within the next two months.

Web Site – Diana Gray distributed a draft of the City’s Senior Affairs Advisory Board website. The website is linked to the City of San Diego Community and Economic Development Department’s website. The new site will have a history of the board, list of board members, meeting schedule, meeting minutes and links and contact information. Currently the links are to include websites for the Aging and Independence Services and the Network of Care, both are County organizations. Paulina Gilbert will provide the link to MTDB and STRIDE (from SANDAG) because of the possibility that seniors or those assisting seniors linking to the website would find these linkages of value.

New Business:

At an earlier SAAB meeting, there was interest voiced in finding out what sort of legislation was out there both federal and State that dealt with senior citizen concerns. Diana Gray first looked into what was being done by the City’s Legislative Office. She was directed to the AARP. Craig Orange of AARP is the Senior Assemblyman of the California Senior Legislation and National Silver Haired Congress and would be willing to meet with members of SAAB to discuss the legislative efforts dealing with seniors. Craig Orange further recommended that SAAB might be interested in contacting Robert Prath, the Chairman of the Aging and Independence Services.

The Network of Care web page is also good for finding information that deals with specific bills.

Board member Flora Calem has resigned. The board will take measures to fill the vacated slot plus that of member Laura Impastato who has had to resign because of personal issues.

Announcements/Closing Remarks:

Millie Acasio distributed the February edition of “The Scroll”

John Patrick Ford will chair the next SAAB meeting scheduled for March 3rd. Floyd Willis will chair the April 7th meeting.

Next meeting: March 3rd, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the **City Administration Building** located at 202 C Street, **12th Floor Closed Session Room**, San Diego, CA 92101.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.